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## 'Hostile notables in areas re-grouping'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Defence establishment is making preparations to cope with the emergence of a new pro-PLO leadership in the administered territories.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, the coordinator of government activities in the territories, Shmuel Goren, said the authorities have seen "signs" to a revival of bodies like the National Guidance Committee or the Palestinian National Front.

The two were leading pro-PLO of bodies in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Districts, suppressed in the 1970s.

Goren said that so far there has been "only talk" among "some elements whom we know" but he was adamant that "under no circumstances will we permit this (process) to continue."

He declined to identify the people involved but said that some had been linked to the National Guidance Committee.

Accordingly, the Defence establishment will take steps in the coming week "to uproot this development." He did not say what those steps would be.

Goren seemed cautiously optimistic about the prospects of finding prominent enough residents to replace the deposed West Bank mayors. He said he had heard "signs of acquiescence" from people who in the past would not even have considered filling in for the deposed mayors. He appeared to play down the significance of a PLO stand on that matter but said he found it hard to believe the candidates could be installed without Jordan's consent.

The changed atmosphere in Judea and Samaria was reflected also in a decline in the number of stoning attacks, he said.

Goren said there had been 107 such incidents in April 1984 compared with 204 in April 1983. In June 1984 there were 81 incidents, compared with 143 in June 1984, and last month the number of attacks dropped to 51, he said.

He attributed the decline to the PLO's problems and certain measures, unannounced, taken by the security forces. Goren explained that previously, because the prisons were crowded, people under the age of 18 who stoned Jews had been sent home. Now they can be sent to Farah Prison, designed for interrogating and treating stone throwers. It is supervised by the International Red Cross, he stressed.

Goren denied that artist Fathi Raban of the Gaza Districts' Jabali refugee camp had been jailed for six months and fined \$30,000 for exhibiting paintings in the PLO colours.

He said Raban had exhibited PLO emblems and "drawings that could incite". One of those drawings, he said, showed an Israeli soldier killing a child against the background of a family of refugees. Last weekend, some 30 Israeli artists demonstrated against Raban's imprisonment.

Goren did not express readiness to rescind the order closing for three months the Al-Najah University in Nablus. He showed reporters a pink brochure that he said gave instructions on how to prepare petrol bombs. Thousands of such brochures were available at an exhibition in that university, he said.

He believed the Birzeit University authorities have recently been careful not to incur the government's wrath over a cultural festival there. There had been one or two attempts to raise PLO flags there, but the organizers removed them, he said.

Other points made at yesterday's news conference were: Israel is considering enlarging the two bridges across the Jordan River, or opening

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President Chaim Herzog speaks and Interim Knesset Speaker Yosef Burg listens at yesterday's opening session of the 11th Knesset, in which the new Knesset members pledged allegiance. (Yitzhak Harari)

## 'Who's a Jew' supporters to be banned in American synagogues

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Conservative and Reform synagogues in the U.S. that customarily invite Knesset members to address gatherings on their premises for fund-raising purposes will no longer invite MKs who vote to amend the Law of Return to validate only Halachic conversion to Judaism.

The Jerusalem Post heard this yesterday at the Knesset from a reliable source in close contact with responsible American Jewish leaders.

The source said that Reform and Conservative leaders who visited Jerusalem during the past fortnight had expressly asked for the names of all MKs who would vote for Halachic conversion when the legislation comes to the Knesset plenum.

The source believes that the money raised for Israel causes would not necessarily shrink due to such a ban, but there would be a reduction in the number of MKs visiting the U.S.

In New York yesterday, the heads of 13 national American Jewish organizations held a press conference to warn against adopting the amendment.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), said that the amendment would cause "massive alienation" of American Jews from Israel.

**Estonian minister**  
STOCKHOLM (AP). — Estonian Culture Minister Jaak Viller has sought political asylum here, emigre sources said yesterday.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry confirmed that an Estonian citizen and his wife had asked for asylum, but refused to name them.

## Knesset finance body may be deadlocked

Post Economic Reporter  
Members of the new Knesset's temporary Finance Committee expect the committee to be deadlocked from the start due to the division of seats between the parties.

The parties had earlier agreed that the Likud and Alignment would each have 11 members in the temporary committee and Tehiya one member. Tehiya is the third largest Knesset faction, with five Knesset members.

But the big blocs yesterday decided to allocate some of their seats to the smaller factions. The Alignment gave one seat each to Yahad,

the Citizen's Rights Movement and the National Religious Party. The Likud gave two to Shas, and one each to Agudat Yisrael, Tami and Morasha.

This is likely to create the same situation as existed in the previous Knesset, in which splinter groups were able to block legislation.

Among the six Likud MKs on the temporary committee is former finance minister Yoram Aridor, known to oppose Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's policies.

The committee's temporary chairman, Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael), yesterday expressed his desire to be the permanent chairman of the committee. Shapira, an industrialist, is also chairman of the Bank of Israel Advisory Committee.

An hour before members of the new Knesset affirmed their allegiance, the outgoing Knesset's Finance Committee met and approved adjustment of the budget to \$56,054 billion, to fit current prices. The committee had failed to approve the adjustment at two previous meetings, at which Alignment MKs outnumbered Likud MKs.

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## Coalition talks to take in NRP, Yahad

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Likud and the Alignment are expected to broaden the basis of their coalition negotiations later this week by taking in the National Religious Party as a third element.

This move will be followed within a day or two by the inclusion of Yahad, whereupon the two large and the two small parties will try to forge a common platform for a national unity government. The Jerusalem Post understands.

The doyen of the NRP, Minister of Interior, Police, and Religious Affairs and Interim Knesset Speaker Yosef Burg, has apparently resolved to throw himself into the coalition ring with a vengeance. Burg told The Post last night that he had phoned Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and got an undertaking from him that the NRP would be brought into the Likud-Alignment contacts after the next round, due to take place today or tomorrow.

Asked by The Post whether Alignment leader Shimon Peres would be likely to welcome the expansion of the negotiations in this manner, Burg said: "I put it to Peres first, at

the end of last week, and he gave me the impression that he accepted the idea."

Burg said: "The coalition-forming process will begin to move only after Peres and Shamir both realize once and for all that neither can succeed in forming a narrow coalition."

He continued: "The power balance as a result of the elections means that the NRP alone holds only one of the two keys to a national unity government. Yahad holds the other key. The NRP and Yahad cannot solve the problem alone. They will have to do it together if there is to be any solution."

A NRP source told The Post last night that Burg would talk to Yahad leader Ezer Weizman sometime today, so that the NRP and Yahad can coordinate their moves and ensure that the platform of a national unity government, as well as the distribution of portfolios, can be settled among the foursome of the two big parties and the two small parties.

Burg told The Post: "A stable national unity coalition must rest on these four legs. If any other parties decide to join us later, they will be welcomed."

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## Hacohen raps Zadok on religion talks

Unity emphasis continues as parties pick work teams

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Alignment yesterday decided on the composition of the two work teams that will continue the national unity negotiations with the Likud. The teams are expected to begin their work today or tomorrow.

The foreign policy team consists of Knesset Members Yitzhak Rabin, Yitzhak Navon, Abba Eban and Moshe Shahal. The economic team comprises MKs Gad Ya'acobi, Rafael Edri, Adiel Amora and a

representative of the United Kibbutz Movement, probably co-secretary Yosef Perlmutter.

The corresponding Likud teams are: Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim on foreign policy; and Levy, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i on the economy.

In addition, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will chair the talks.

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## 11th Knesset convenes in uncertainty

# Democracy in danger, Herzog tells Knesset

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The festive opening of the new Knesset yesterday was clouded somewhat by a warning from President Chaim Herzog that Israeli democracy is not invulnerable. His remarks added a sombre note to the inauguration of the 11th Knesset, meeting for the first time amidst uncertainty over the composition of the next government following last month's inconclusive elections.

In his address, Herzog said that history has known many democratic regimes that collapsed in time of crisis. "We, too, are not immune," he said.

Herzog told the Knesset members that it was up to them to safeguard the principles of justice and the supremacy of the law. He quoted from the Torah portion (Va-ethanan) read in synagogues last Shabbat (Deuteronomy 4:3-6).

"I have taught you statutes and laws...you shall observe and do them, and thereby you will display your wisdom and understanding to the other nations."

The president made a strong plea for tolerance, which he called the need of the nation at this time.

"Tolerance must become our watchword, as it is the only key to mutual and constructive co-existence among all sectors of society," Herzog said.

He said that the great majority of the people desire a national unity government. But any government that gained the confidence of the Knesset would be the legitimately elected government of Israel, and all citizens would respect the Knesset's decision.

Dr. Yosef Burg (National Religious Party), as the eldest member of the Knesset, had already taken the

chair. He said that the election results made it "difficult to determine who were the winners and who the losers."

He said it was the duty of Israelis to build a bridge over the abyss of opinions and objectives that divide them and to strive for a national consensus "on the foundations of our existence."

Burg called for the avoidance of verbal violence and the prevention of physical violence. "We must not permit this plague to spread in our midst and strike at the moral and cultural level of our society."

"Without co-existence," he said, "our very existence is endangered. This applies to relations between religious and non-religious, between the children of Israel and the children of Ishmael in Eretz-Yisrael, and between us and the peoples in the region."

Quoting from remarks he had made at the closing session of the First Knesset, Burg said: "The Jewish people is still in need of the love of the Rock of Israel. May we be found worthy of rising to the level of responsibility that history demands of its emissaries."

The MKs, listed in Hebrew alphabetical order from Aharon

Abuhazzeira (Tami) to Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberals), rose to pledge their allegiance. The first to deviate from the legal wording of "I so pledge" was Rabbi Eliezer Waldman of Tehiya, who added "with God's help."

When Meir Kahane (Kach) stood to make the declaration, no one made a threatened walkout, but he created a minor sensation when he refused to utter the required statement, instead reciting a passage from the book of Psalms "to forever observe Your Torah."

Burg objected, demanded that Kahane adhere to the required wording only. Kahane, unheeding, twice repeated the verse. Burg said he would give him another chance later, as various MKs shouted that Kahane could not serve if he persisted in his refusal.

In the end, when Kahane said the verse again, in addition to "I so pledge," Burg declared: "He said that he said it," and let the matter pass. Two Alignment MKs walked out in protest, and Kahane smiled at the small victory.

The Knesset then approved the membership of the 24-member (Continued on Back Page)

**36 MKs sign anti-racist manifesto**

Post Knesset Correspondent  
Thirty-six Knesset members signed a manifesto yesterday pledging themselves to uphold the country's Proclamation of Independence, in the light of "recent plans to expel the Arabs of Israel or deny them their rights."

The manifesto was drafted by Hebrew University Law Professor Claude Klein at the request of a number of MKs.

The signatories included many from the Alignment, Shinui and the

Citizens Rights Movement, plus two Liberals in the Likud — Eliezer Kulak and Pinhas Goldstein — and Yahad leader Ezer Weizman.

Those refusing to sign belong to the Herut and the Liberal wings of the Likud, but also included one National Religious Party minister and one MK from a one-man faction.

CRM leader Shulamit Aloni was the moving spirit behind the manifesto. (Related item, page 3)

**Knesset legal adviser rules:**

'Burg should chair House only once'

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent  
The oldest Knesset member, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, should preside over only the opening session of the 11th Knesset, Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar ruled yesterday in response to a query from Alignment whip Moshe Shahal.

Inbar said that if Burg continued to hold the Speaker's chair for more than the opening session, even though titled Interim Speaker, he would be violating the law that bars a cabinet minister from becoming Knesset Speaker.

Knesset sources said that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir agreed with Inbar's ruling.

This means that when the Knesset sits next, on September 3, according to Shahal, the second oldest MK, Abba Eban, may be called upon to chair the session.

Inbar resolved that Burg's stepping down, which would obviate further violation of the law, should

take priority over the precedent set up in the days of the late agriculture minister Kadish Luz. When Luz was elected Speaker but could not yet resign from his agriculture post, he simply stayed away from the ministry.

The Knesset's steering committee decided yesterday morning that there would be no sittings today or tomorrow. However, the House is expected to meet soon, even if the election of the permanent Speaker does not take place, since urgent financial or fiscal matters may have to be brought before the plenum, in the form of orders that must be announced before being gazetted.

The committee declined to take up the proposal by Tehiya's Geula Cohen to form a provisional Aliya and Absorption Committee. However, it accepted the proposal, later announced in the plenum, for two provisional committees: Foreign Affairs and Defence, and Finance; the first headed by the Alignment's

Haim Bar-Lev and the second by Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira.

The (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality became the first faction in the 11th Knesset to table private legislation. The DFPE tabled a draft bill to prevent racism and discrimination, noting that the Supreme Court Justices who headed the Central Elections Committee for the 10th and 11th Knessets had both urged that electoral lists preaching racism should be disqualified.

The Alignment said it would continue to push for an anti-racism bill by Mapam's Mohammed Wataid, which successfully weathered the preliminary reading in the 10th Knesset, and could perhaps have the Continuity Law applied to it by the Law Committee, so that it could be taken up from the point where it was left off in the 10th Knesset.

Parliamentary action on these measures may be held up until legislation in a similar vein has been prepared by Zamir at the request, yesterday, of Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

**After huge losses last year**  
**Discount Bank turns profit for first half of 1984**

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Discount Bank yesterday announced that it had achieved an inflation-adjusted profit of \$3630 million in the first half of 1984. This compares with the huge loss of \$93 billion for the full year of 1983 — a disastrous year for Israeli banking.

Rafael Recanat, general manager and chairman of the board of Discount and of its parent, IDB Bank-holding, noted that the results represented the preliminary contribution of the sweeping steps in the fields of saving and efficiency that the bank has taken since the bank share crisis broke in October last year.

Other bankers also spoke of Discount's move from the red ink of 1983 to the beginnings of renewed profitability as constituting a change in last year's trend, but by no means signalling the end of the crisis period.

The figures support this view. While the appearance of an inflation-adjusted profit is obviously positive, its size is hardly impressive.

The financial community is now awaiting other banks' figures to obtain confirmation of the change in the trend, and to assess its scope. These are likely to come later this month and in September. (Fuller report, page 6)

**Three attacks on IDF troops in S. Lebanon**

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
METULLA. — There were no casualties yesterday in three attacks against Israeli forces in South Lebanon.

Light-arms fire was directed at an Israeli Defence Forces patrol in Sidon, and a large bomb went off as another patrol passed in the village of Ras al-Ein.

Light-arms fire was also directed at an IDF position in the eastern sector.

The Shi'ite villages between Tyre and Sidon have lately become the focus of such attacks, and the IDF has stepped up patrols in the area. The orchards and abandoned houses along the roads afford good cover for ambushes.

**Marathon, fireworks climax Olympics**

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Carlos Lopes of Portugal outran a star-studded field in a torrid marathon at the end of the 1984 Olympics Sunday night, and the games formally closed with traditional ritual and a dazzling display of fireworks.

"See you in Seoul 1988," said the lights on the scoreboard, after the Olympic flag was ceremonially transferred to Mayor Bo Hyun Yum of the South Korean city, host to the next summer games. Athletes on the field stayed on and danced even after the end of the 3½ hour show, and many of the 92,000 spectators stayed too.

After the Olympic flame was extinguished at the end of 15 days of competition in 221 medal events among more than 7,000 athletes from a record 140 nations, there was a musical and fireworks salute to all the host cities of the modern Olympics.

This included Moscow, host to the 1980 games, boycotted by the U.S. and a number of other countries. The orchestra played *The Great Gate at Kiev* from Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. The Soviet Union led a boycott of the Los Angeles games by 16 nations, citing fears for athletes' security.

The ceremonies started with the finish of the marathon, and medal awards for the runners and for the winners of the equestrian jumping competition earlier in the day. The riders took a victory lap on their horses.

The final medal table showed the U.S. with 83 golds and a total of 174 medals. Then came the German Federal Republic with 59 medals, and Rumania with 53. (See story page 4.)

## UK mine-hunters poised to clear Red Sea, Suez

CAIRO (AP). — Four British mine-hunters will start operating in the Suez Gulf tomorrow, the British Embassy said yesterday amid growing demands for a Red Sea security arrangement among littoral states, and more accusations that the U.S. was behind the underwater explosions.

U.S. Embassy spokesman said four American minesweeping Sea Stallion helicopters now sailing across the Mediterranean aboard the amphibious ship Shreveport will transit the Suez Canal tomorrow and are expected to start scouring the Suez Gulf and Red Sea the next day.

Two French minesweepers and a support vessel are also en route to the Suez Gulf, bringing to six the number of French warships dispatched to join in the international effort at Egypt's request.

Egypt has also asked Italy for help and, in Rome yesterday, De-

fence Minister Giovanni Spadolini announced that Italy had sent a naval mission to Cairo to discuss assistance, which must be approved by the Italian parliament.

Egyptian navy minesweepers have been in action since July 30 in the Suez Gulf and Red Sea territorial waters without turning up any unexploded mines.

In London, Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence yesterday said that a Soviet vessel has been damaged by a mine at the southern end of the Red Sea, the 16th merchant vessel to be hit by the string of mysterious explosions in the area. Lloyd's said the 633-ton fish carrier, Bastion, hit the mine on August 6, but the extent of the damage was not yet known.

Meanwhile, the Polish cargo ship that hit a mine at the mouth of the Red Sea Saturday is moving at half-speed towards the Suez Canal, a

Polish shipping spokesman said in Warsaw yesterday.

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Golan	41	15-20	25
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Safed	33	14-20	29
Haifa Port	64	24-31	31
Tiberias	34	16-24	30
Nazareth	33	14-20	29
Afula	33	14-20	29
Shomron	33	14-20	29
Tel Aviv	52	21-30	30
B-G Airport	52	21-30	31
Jericho	38	20-31	31
Gaza	73	20-28	32
Beersheva	73	20-28	32
Eilat	11	22-29	30

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday hosted a luncheon at Beit Hanassi in honour of outgoing Knesset speaker Menahem Bevan and praised him for contributing to Israel's democracy by improving the image of the Knesset. Attending were the heads of parties in the 10th Knesset including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Labour party head Shimon Peres, Avraham Shapira, Minister Yuval Ne'eman, Yigael Hurvitz, Mordechai Ben-Porat, Deputy Knesset Speaker Moshe Shalom, Meir Cohen-Avidon and Knesset Clerk Samuel Jacobson.

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a third crossing point. The decision is expected next year.

The pressure of summer visitors is heavy but Israel cannot allow more visitors in across the bridges now because of security problems.

Only some 2,500 people will go to Mecca this year compared with some 6,000 pilgrims last year. The government has exempted them from paying the 15 per cent tax on travel abroad, but fewer people with to go because of the cost and because of difficulties the Arab authorities have imposed.

Goren was clearly unhappy with what he felt was a UNRWA attempt to perpetuate the refugee problem. He said the UN organization has been issuing refugees with new identity cards "that look like credit cards." Some 410,000 cards were being issued in the Gaza District, he noted.

## Ministry loan ends strike in Hadera

HADERA (Itim). - A strike of 600 municipal workers here ended yesterday when the Interior Ministry loaned the municipality IS\$5 million, enabling it to pay July salaries.

As soon as the loan was made, sanitation workers were back on the street, collecting garbage that had piled up since last week.

The loan is a one-time measure, Mayor Yehiel Kahana said. He added that soon he would meet with Interior and Finance Ministry officials to set the town's financial house in order.

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# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Histadrut expects little from talks

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - Little of substance is expected to emerge from this morning's economic talks between high-level Finance Ministry and Histadrut teams. Histadrut sources said last night. The meeting was agreed on yesterday in a telephone conversation between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Histadrut Secretary-General Israel Kessar.

The main problem facing the talks will be deciding what to talk about. The meeting was initiated by the Histadrut central committee in view of the deteriorating employment situation, and unemployment is the only item on the Histadrut's agenda.

Cohen-Orgad, on the other hand, is expected to discuss a wide-ranging discussion that would include wages and productivity. In welcoming the Histadrut's suggestion that the two sides meet, Cohen-Orgad stressed that he was inviting the Labour fed-

eration team to discuss the "overall problems of the economy, one of which is employment."

Histadrut sources said last night that they would not allow the finance minister to "drag us into a general discussion." Such a discussion, the sources say, would be a de facto beginning to "package deal" negotiations, which the Histadrut strongly opposes.

Kessar and other Histadrut figures have said that they will not negotiate a package deal (a prices, wages and taxes accord) with the present interim government. They wish to negotiate a comprehensive economic contract with whatever new government is formed.

Nevertheless, today's meeting represents a significant softening of the Histadrut's previously firm stand against talking with the present government. Histadrut sources said that the meeting was necessitated by the rise in unemployment over the last three months, and the government's

recent decision to freeze state contracts, which is expected to give unemployment a sharp boost.

The Histadrut will not present a plan for combating unemployment at this morning's meeting, the sources said. They pointed out that the government - and not the Histadrut - is responsible for employment, and any solutions must be initiated by the government.

However, the Histadrut team will indicate its readiness and Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, to participate in steps to reduce and prevent unemployment. One form of participation could be government and Hevrat Ha'Ovdim cooperation in creating new jobs.

The Histadrut team will be headed by Kessar, and will include Hevrat Ha'Ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio, Trade Union Department Chairman Haim Haberfeld and central committee members Gideon Ben-Yisrael and Naftali Ben-Moshe.

## Tourist's arrest ends 'French connection'

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - A young Frenchwoman landed at Ben-Gurion Airport Sunday evening and was immediately arrested on suspicion of trying to smuggle heroin into Israel.

The Frenchwoman's arrest enabled the police to catch on the same night a 25-year-old Bat Yam resident long suspected of drug trading, and to crack what police dub the "French Connection" - a drug smuggling network operating between Paris and Tel Aviv.

The arrest of the two was the culmination of a prolonged surveillance of the Israeli suspect, who is believed to have been operating the network with his brother who lives in

Paris. Detectives were waiting for the French tourist when she arrived at 8 p.m., whisked her off to district police headquarters. A bodysearch revealed 123 grams of heroin stashed in three packets in intimate places. The heroin, worth some \$26,000, was sufficient - after being cut with other material - for thousands of doses.

The detectives found a postcard in Hebrew in the courier's possession which supported their suspicions that she was working for the two Israeli brothers.

The name of a Bat Yam park was written on the card, which the woman had been instructed to show

to a taxi driver. Detectives drove her to the park, where the second suspect was waiting impatiently. As soon as the two met and began talking, the detectives leaped out of hiding and arrested them, after a short chase through the trees.

A search in the local suspect's apartment revealed drug scales and other utensils for preparing drug doses.

The police believe that the French suspect is a drug addict who agreed to act as courier in exchange for drugs supplied to her in Paris. The two suspects will be brought to Magistrates Court today where the police will request the extension of their remand.

## Tamam murder investigators still in dark

JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The investigators of the murder of Rav-Turai Moshe Tamam were still in the dark yesterday as to what had led to his death. They said, however, that the incident resembled several earlier instances in which soldiers were given lifts and were murdered.

So far, there is no evidence that this is what happened to Tamam, who was shot in the chest. His body was found in an olive grove near Mevo Dotan in Samaria on Friday morning.

Shmuel Goren, the coordinator of government activities in the administered territories, said yesterday that there are "assessments" that elements hostile to Israel are responsible for the murder.

Goren did not provide any more information, but the skimpy details

available so far suggest that Tamam may have hitched a ride with his murderers.

His girl friend had accompanied him to the no. 841 bus to Tel Aviv from the bus station in Tiberias last Monday evening as he left for his parents' home at Hatzatzelet Hasharon near Netanya.

He never reached home. He could have hitched a ride from the main road.

Police officers recalled several instances in which soldiers took lifts and were attacked.

In 1973 paratrooper Rav-Samir Eli Lupo got a lift to the Tel Mond area, and a terrorist hidden in the car's back seat killed him with the handle of an axe. Lupo's body was found later in Samaria.

In January 1977 Rav-Turai David Shamir waited for a ride near Kerem Shalom, on what is today Israel's

Sinai border, and disappeared. Ten months later a resident of Rafah confessed to having stabbed him after stopping to give him a lift. The murderer then led the authorities to a cemetery in Rafah, where Shamir's body was unearthed.

The third incident occurred in November 1980. Avi Bromberg waited for a ride at the Hadera junction on his way to his parents' home in Zichron Ya'acov. He was later found dead.

Last November, the body of David Bukra of Netanya, was found near Atil in the Tulkarm region.

One attack, near Megiddo, failed. In July 1983 Segen-Mishne Ron Tsar caught a ride near the Megiddo junction and a short while later the passengers grabbed his gun and tried to choke him. Tsar fought back, managed to open the car's door and fell out.

## Ivtzan may be called to Hefetz trial

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzan Arye Ivtzan may be asked to testify for the defence in the trial of Nitzan Assaf Hefetz. Hefetz's attorney, Dan Cohen, said at the continuation of the hearing at the police disciplinary court in Petah Tikva yesterday.

Hefetz is charged with leaking reports in March to several journalists about police mishandling of information concerning the group that had schemed to blow up the Temple Mount last January. According to reports published at the time, the Tel Aviv Police had transferred the information about the gang to the Jerusalem Police, but the latter did nothing about it.

Despite Cohen's protests, the court decided to hold parts of the hearing behind closed doors, when prosecutor Sgan-Nitzan Yehuda

Wilk said that police handling of the case was "intelligence material."

"The police top command is trying to hide facts. All this has been printed in the newspapers," Cohen said. "The inspector-general taps the telephones of senior officers in national headquarters. Is that fighting crime? The prosecutor wants to hide information from the public."

The deputy head of the police intelligence department, Nitzan-Mishne Zecharya Bana'i, who had obtained the court order to tap Hefetz's telephone, said under cross-examination by Cohen that the request submitted to the court did not specify Hefetz's rank, nor did it state whether it was a request for a permit to tap the telephone or to continue tapping.

Cohen said that the request, and therefore the court order given to tap Hefetz's telephone, had been obtained improperly.

Cohen also noted that although three other police officers also had their telephones tapped, none were questioned or charged.

Referring to the enormity of the police foul-up, Cohen said: "Hefetz is like a man trying to stop a criminal from committing a serious crime, and being put on trial for stepping on the grass. Only the act of an anonymous watchman prevented an explosion on Temple Mount, despite the fact that information about the gang had been given to the Jerusalem police about the gang."

Most of Bana'i's testimony was heard behind closed doors. The testimony of Inspector Yosef Cohen, formerly the deputy commander of the special team investigating the Temple Mount gang, was also given behind closed doors.

The hearing is due to continue today.

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zhak Shamir and prime minister-designate Shimon Peres will meet privately to discuss the issue of the premiership. No date has yet been set for that meeting.

Yesterday was a quiet day for the Alignment negotiators, due to the opening session of the Knesset and related Knesset work. The only formal coalition meeting that took place was between the Alignment's Haim Zadok and National Religious Party MK Avner Sciaky, in the framework of the committee on state and religion established by the two parties.

Zadok said last night that he and Sciaky had "progressed in our understanding of the issues," though no concrete results had been achieved. The discussion focused on several specific issues, among them the controversial "Who is a Jew?" bill and the composition and functions of rabbinical courts. The two sides will meet again tomorrow, presumably with the participation of the other committee members.

Committee member MK Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Alignment-Labour), who did not attend the meeting, was yesterday quoted by Kol Yisrael as having criticized Zadok's participation in the negotiations on religious matters. According to the radio, Hacohen said that Zadok had been responsible for the Alignment's "anti-religious" platform and therefore had no right now to be offering religious concessions.

Zadok responded last night by pointing out that while he had been chairman of the platform committee, MK Shlomo Hillel had headed

## Radio, TV staffers give Porat support

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Radio and television management committees and senior staffers of the Hebrew and Arabic departments yesterday announced their unanimous support for Israel Broadcasting Authority director-general Uri Porat in the power struggle between him and the IBA's board of directors.

In the 4½ months since Porat took up his position, the power struggle has been an open secret, with members of the board leaking information to the press.

At a meeting late last week, the board debated for two hours whether Yardenia Harel, the IBA spokeswoman, should continue to communicate summaries of the board's meetings to the press, or whether the board should appoint its own spokesman. This was seen as yet another effort to undermine Porat, as Harel is answerable directly to him.

It is also unlikely that the Alignment will hold substantive discussions with the leaders of the other small parties this week, the sources said.

The feeling in the party is that if Shamir and Peres can come to a mutually acceptable agreement regarding the premiership, the Likud and the Alignment will eventually be able to form a national unity government for a limited period and with the express purpose of healing the economy.

## Treasury to release blocked school money

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Treasury is to release previously frozen education money this week. Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli, announced yesterday after a long meeting with Treasury officials. Funds for transporting pupils, heating and general school maintenance are to be released, despite the general budget freeze.

Earlier last week teachers belonging to the Histadrut Teachers Union sent an urgent telegram to the Treasury and to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, warning that unless funds are made available, the country's schools would not be able to open next month.

## Mother

To our dear colleague,  
Dr. Adolpho Vechter and his family,  
deep condolences on the sudden death of your

**Mother**

Your friends at the Pedodontics Dept.  
of The Tel Aviv University



Some 2,000 demonstrators yesterday gathered opposite the Knesset to call for legislation against racism. Two of the signs read: "They also speak 'Kach' (thugs): 'drugged cockroaches,' 'gauge out their eyes,' 'beasts on two legs,' 'poisonous snakes.'" (referring to racist slurs by various politicians) and "The lesson of the Holocaust (is) the struggle against racism!" (Yitzhak Harezi)

## Nissim to Zamir: Prepare anti-racist law

By DAVID MANDEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim has asked Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to prepare a law making racist incitement a crime, and another that would enable an authorized body to disqualify election lists for certain specified reasons.

The criminal code already covers most cases to be addressed by the prospective law, which would impose a penalty for "incitement to deny another person's rights on the basis of race or nationality," Nissim said. But recent events would attach symbolic and educational importance to the added word "racism" in the statute, he added.

The ministry announcement did not specify what body it believes should have the power to ban Knesset election lists. Present law does not provide for anything but technical disqualification by the Central Elections Committee, which comprises party representatives. An attempt by that body to prevent Meir Kahane's Kach and the Progressive

List for Peace from contesting last month's poll was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Legal sources believe that the court's reason for allowing the two lists to stand was the election committee's political nature, and not a belief that there should be no such legal possibility of preventing a party from running.

The five-justice panel has not yet published its reasoned judgement.

Nissim's proposal calls for disqualifying parties whose aims explicitly or implicitly negate the existence, security or democratic nature of the state, or support racist incitement. A list would also be banned if there is a "reasonable fear that it might serve as a cover for illegal activities."

Association for Civil Rights in Israel chairman Professor Daniel Amit said last night that the group would probably favour adding the words "racist incitement" to existing criminal offences. But the whole subject, he added, is most problematic because it touches on the limits of

free speech, and ACRI categorically opposes any restrictions on free expression of political ideas.

ACRI president Haim Cohn, a retired Supreme Court Justice, and Hebrew University Law Professor Claude Klein are preparing a proposed bill on Knesset list disqualifications, which the civil-liberties group will circulate among Knesset members. The ACRI, too, opposed the banning of Kach because of the election committee's makeup, but Amit said it would favour empowering a panel of judges to disqualify a party which in its platform or actions constitutes a threat to the civil rights of other citizens or to democracy.

The ACRI is also working on recommendations to limit Knesset members' legal immunity to areas within the scope of their parliamentary activity. Nissim did not ask Zamir to prepare a bill on the subject, but said in his announcement that if the Knesset wishes to amend the existing law, his office will offer its services in formulating the bill.

## Wilner asks Burg to disqualify Kahane

Post Knesset Correspondent

Democratic Front for Peace and Equality leader Meir Wilner wrote to Interior Minister Yosef Burg after yesterday's Knesset session ended, appealing against Burg's ruling that Meir Kahane was a legitimate Knesset member.

Wilner wrote that Kahane had pledged to obey the laws of the State, and not the laws of the state.

The Knesset authorities, anti-

cipating arguments by additional MKs about Kahane's status, have received preliminary legal advice to the effect that since Kahane did not attach any limiting conditions when he extemporized on the pledge of allegiance, it could not be said that his allegiance to the state was in question.

Paragraph 16 of the Basic Law: Knesset says that an MK shall not enjoy his parliamentary rights until he has made his pledge of allegiance.

## U.S. studying Kahane's citizenship

Post Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - The State Department yesterday announced that it had begun to study revoking Meir Kahane's U.S. citizenship, following his taking office as a member of the Knesset.

The announcement emphasized that the study of the issue - to take place in the department's Consular

Division - will last at least several months and that if it is decided to revoke Kahane's citizenship, he will have a year to appeal the decision.

The U.S. diplomat or consul in Israel responsible for the case will request information from Kahane, who is permitted to choose legal counsel to represent him.

## Court freezes diamonds of 11 merchants

TEL AVIV (Itim). - The Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday issued an injunction freezing the diamond deposits of 11 Ramat Gan gem merchants in the Diamond Exchange branch of Discount Bank.

Judge Henya Stein issued the order at the request of the police, who told the court they are investigating the operations of the bank branch and the 11 diamond merchants. The police seek to ascertain the exact worth of the diamonds the 11 have deposited with the bank.

A police representative said the investigation began after suspicions were aroused that the financing provided the 11 merchants by the Bank of Israel is far in excess of the value of the diamonds on deposit with the bank. Since all the diamond mer-

chants are on vacation and have deposited their gems in the bank for safekeeping, now would be the perfect time to appraise them.

Stein issued a second order directing the bank manager to transfer the diamonds to a separate safe, to be under the supervision of the police and Discount Bank's internal auditors, until they can be examined by an appraiser from the bank and one from the diamond and precious stones division of the Industry and Trade Ministry.

The judge also ordered the merchants and the bank to appear at another hearing on Thursday and directed the police to serve both injunctions personally to each of the parties involved.

## Boy killed by car

UPPER NAZARETH (Itim). - A five-year-old boy was killed yesterday when he was hit by a car while taking down the garbage.

A Magen David Adom team spent 70 minutes trying to revive him, to no avail.

## U.S. delegation optimistic on trade pact

Post Economic Reporter

Hopes that legislative work on the U.S.-Israel free trade zone agreement will be completed by the end of September were expressed yesterday by members of a delegation of U.S. Congressmen visiting Israel.

The delegation, headed by Sam Gibbons (Democrat-Florida), is part of the House Trade Subcommittee currently in Israel on a fact-finding mission.

The delegation met yesterday with President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. During the morning a long working session was held with Industry Minister Gideon Patti.

Patti told delegation members that the agreement will benefit American producers since without such an accord they would have been at a disadvantage as a result of the free trade accord between Israel and the Common Market.

According to some delegation members, U.S. customs concessions to developing countries under the General Systems of Preferences will be reduced next year. This means that the free trade zone agreement would have to come into effect by early 1985 if Israeli exporters are to maintain their preferred status.

## Iranian youth jailed for plane hijacking

ROME (AFP). - A three-judge panel yesterday sentenced to 7½ years in jail one of two anti-Khomeini Iranian teenagers who hijacked an Iranian jetliner to Rome last week.

Hossein Eftekhari was found guilty on charges of air piracy and kidnapping, but the second accused, Mohsen Rahgozar, was acquitted.

The Iranian Airbus, filled with Muslim pilgrims, was hijacked while on a flight to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. It landed at Bahrain and Cairo before reaching Rome's Ciampino airport, where the hijackers surrendered Wednesday evening.

Tel Aviv University  
deeply mourns the passing of  
**Mrs. GENIA SCHREIBER**  
a great friend and benefactor and recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Tel Aviv University, and extends sincere condolences to the family.

Progressive Judaism  
extends condolences to SALLY and the family of  
**THEODORE K. BROID**  
a committed Jewish leader, an ardent Zionist,  
a good and loyal friend.  
The Boards of:  
Arza  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
World Union for Progressive Judaism



## Eleventh Knesset festively inaugurated

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a glittering, festive setting, the 11th Knesset was inaugurated yesterday.

The event began on a pleasant note for the 119 MKs (Tawfik Toubi of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality was absent). At the MKs' entrance, they were greeted by pretty young women from the *Am Ehad, Am Yafeh* (One people, a beautiful people) organization, a group that aims to improve the quality of life in Israel. The volunteers gave each MK a carnation and a written request to present a positive image to the public.

The girls were careful not to shake the hands of the Orthodox MKs or rabbinical guests.

It seemed that everyone's eyes were on Kach's Meir Kahane. In the plenum, he was ignored by everyone

except for Herut's Meir Cohen-Avidov, who came over to shake his hand, and Yigael Hurvitz of Onetz, who sat next to him. The two seats on Kahane's left remained empty throughout. Kahane kept his eyes on the pages of his Bible, as if to give him an excuse to remain oblivious to the snubs against him.

The opening ceremony, as is customary, was attended by much of the country's leadership, including the president, the chief rabbis, the state comptroller, the chief of staff, the attorney general, mayors, foreign diplomats, religious leaders and families of the MKs.

Former MKs included octogenarian Yohanan Bader, and family members of current MKs included Sonia Peres, wife of the Labour Party chairman, who is so shy of publicity that many people did not recognize her. Representing

Menachem Begin, not a MK for the first time in 36 years, was his trusted aide, Yehiel Kadishai.

Many MKs were dressed festively, but the rule of jacket-and-tie set down by former speaker Menachem Savidor was ignored by several, including Minister Ya'acov Meridor, who arrived in a white shirt worn over his trousers. Minister Moshe Arens teased former chief of staff Rafael Eitan about not appearing in his blue work pants.

There were a number of newly elected MKs who had been in earlier Knessets, such as Yitzhak Navon (who in 1981 as president opened the 10th Knesset), Ezer Weizman, Moshe Arens and Avraham Verdiger.

Following the singing of *Hatikva* by the Rinat choir, the president spoke and then invited Minister

Yosef Burg, at 75 the oldest MK, to preside in the absence of an elected Knesset Speaker.

Some light moments were provided by a mix up of names. Rafael Eitan rose when Likud MK Michael Eitan was called. Ezer Weizman corrected Rafil and advised him to wait his turn. There were also two members named Yitzhak Peretz, one of the Alignment and one, Rabbi Yitzhak Haim Peretz, of Shas-Sephardi Torah Observers.

The president was somewhat ruffled when it was called to his attention that the names of members of the 10th Knesset who had passed away, prepared for his speech by Knesset officials, had omitted that of Moshe Dayan. The plenum rose again to honour Dayan's memory.

The first session, lasting less than 50 minutes, ended after temporary committees were named.

## 2,000 protest against Kahane, racism outside

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There was almost as much ceremony outside the Knesset as inside yesterday during the demonstration against racism.

The participants all had their roles. There were police, beeping underdog and uniformed forces posted in and around the crowd.

There were the demonstrators, many of them veterans of the left's demonstrations from years past, some much younger and wearing the blue shirts with white or red lacing that mark them as members of youth movements.

And there was, as always at these demonstrations outside the Knesset, the lone demonstrator with his peculiar placard. Yesterday's was a man claiming that the real racism is not that of Meir Kahane or his Kach movement, but that of the Ashkenazi against the Sephardim.

There were the journalists interviewing the demonstrators, taking pictures of placards.

And, of course, there was the reason everybody was there: Meir Kahane.

Some 2,000 people gathered along the side of the road leading to the Knesset. Ostensibly they were there to call on the new Knesset to pass a

law against racism. But they were also there to boo Kahane, the man who embodies racism for them — to shout "No to Fascism, No to Racism" at the new Knesset member.

"It's not even a tenth of a mandate," complained one of the demonstrators.

"Neither the Likud nor Labour won," said his friend. "Apathy reigns in this land."

There were no incidents to disrupt the ceremony. The only people to "attack" a smiling Kahane, who arrived in a rented car and waved to the demonstrators, enjoying the attention, were the photographers.

They rushed his car as it paused in front of a rally of women from Na'amat and some youngsters from the Telem movement, the Reform Judaism movement. That rally was complaining about religious coercion and later joined the anti-racism rally.

As Kahane's car paused, photographers, cameramen and policemen rushed to the car. The photographers wanted to get the picture. The police wanted to keep the car moving so that the crowd standing on the other side of the road wouldn't be tempted to do physically what they had been promising in their rhetoric.

Southern District Police Com-

mander Avraham Turgeman pounded on the roof of Kahane's car. "Drive! Drive!" he shouted to the driver, who stepped on the gas. The photographers got out of the way.

Later, of course, came the speeches. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, whose office has taken the lead in efforts to get a law passed against racism, warned that "laws are not enough." He spoke of education and he spoke of tolerance.

Professor Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University spoke more forcefully. "It begins with the anxiety of people unsure of their future... It continues with the physical intimidation of those who dare to speak their minds. We all know where it can end."

Another professor from the university, his name lost in the wind that lifted the amplified voices into the sky, reminded the patient listeners that "The tyrant, may his name be erased, won democratic elections with a 44 per cent plurality."

A group of Hebrew University students yesterday submitted a petition to 119 of the new MKs. Signed by 100 people, the petition read: "We, the undersigned, who belong to all parts of the political spectrum, see Meir Kahane as a malignant growth and a phenomenon dangerous to Israeli democracy, and an

approach alien to the spirit of Judaism. We call upon the members of the Knesset not to content itself with condemnation, but to pass without delay a law banning racist incitement and violence towards citizens of the country, without regard to religion or origin."

And the ice cream vendors in Emil Grunzweig Park opposite the Prime Minister's Office did good business in the hot sun and dry wind. A basso profundo clad in kibbutz work-clothes led a mournful *Hatikva* that echoed off the ivy-clad walls of the empty government buildings.

And hoping that they had deflated racism, but knowing that they had not, the demonstrators shuffled off through the dusty park toward their cars and buses. As they crossed the street they forced the departing new MKs and the VIPs who attended the ceremonies at the Knesset a block away to slow down in their limousines and family cars.

The petition against racism was signed by 31 MKs before and after the opening session of the Knesset. Meir Shitrit was the only Likud MK to sign so far, although the organizers pointed out that perhaps more MKs did not know about the petition. They intend to approach all MKs individually for their signatures.



"The morning after" at Yehoshua (Hayarkon) Park in Tel Aviv, following the Kaveret Troupe's Israeli swan song last night. The group, considered by some Israel's best pop team, broke up years ago but recently came together again for a series of performances. Two members are returning to the U.S. (IPPA).

## Maccabiah and the spirit of the Maccabees...

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 45 teenage athletes who will represent Israeli Maccabi at the North American Maccabiah Games next week have had to learn how to make Kiddush and how to dance Israeli folk dances, in addition to their sports training. At a press conference here yesterday Azrikam Milchan, deputy chairman of Maccabi, said he sees the significance of the delegation more in the realm of Zionism than in the realm of sport.

Yitzhak Hameiri, who will head the delegation, said the group (which leaves on Thursday for Detroit, where the games are to be held) comprises 45 athletes in five fields: gymnastics, tennis, table tennis, basketball and swimming. The

delegation will number 52, including five trainers (one for each field), a delegation manager and Hameiri himself. He was particularly pleased to note two kibbutzniks among the delegation (from Shomrat and Ein Hamifratz), and he praised the kibbutzim for realizing that Maccabi, too, is a suitable sports club (in addition to Hapoel).

The 1500 participants in the games will include youngsters aged 12-16 from the U.S., Canada, European countries and elsewhere. "Our first such experience was two years ago at the games in Memphis," Hameiri said. "Memphis is a small Jewish community, perhaps 9,000 families, and I think our biggest achievement there was marching while carrying the Israeli flag and singing *Hatikva*."

## Ministry sets supplementary school fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry this week announced a ceiling on fees that parents may be asked to pay for additional educational services in the coming school year.

The fees were set at \$700 annually for a single child, \$1,000 for two siblings, and a maximum of \$1,200 for three or more siblings in the same school.

Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli said that the fees paid by parents are to be used for the explicit purpose of improving education in the school and only for projects for which neither the ministry or the local authority has provided funds.

Shmueli specifically reminded all school principals that these funds are not to be used for salaries, telephone, travel or car allowance, for building, repairs or any purpose other than the improvement of education.

Other sources, however, confirm that although the ministry always sets official fees, there is often no real relationship between the fees set and what parents are asked to pay by various schools. In many cases this is several times the fee set by the ministry.

Shmueli suggested that any parent asked to pay more than the official sum immediately report this to him.

## Infant mortality relatively low in Israel, UN survey shows

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Infant mortality in Israel is lower than might be expected, according to a survey published last month by the UN World Health Organization.

The study showed a strong inverse relationship between female literacy and infant mortality, and according to the world picture, Israel with 86 per cent female literacy should have about 2.5 or 3 per cent infant mortality. But it has only 1.6 per cent.

Experts attributed the phenomenon to Israel's near 100 per cent health insurance and to the high standard of medicine practised here.

The inverse relationship between female literacy and infant death was found to hold true not only in the Third World but also in certain areas in western countries. In the U.S., for

example, the norm is 99 per cent female literacy and infant mortality is 1.2 per cent. But there are certain areas in the south and in urban slums where female literacy is less than 50 per cent and infant mortality over 7 per cent.

In the Soviet Union, too, where 98 per cent of women are literate and infant deaths reach only 2.6 per cent, there are areas where less than 50 per cent of the women can read and infant mortality is 8-9 per cent.

The survey showed that where female literacy dropped below 10 per cent, the death rate of infants rose to nearly 30 per cent, while in countries where female literacy rates were over 90 per cent, the infant death rate dropped to below 3 per cent.

## Alleged uxoricide remanded by court

HAIFA (Itim). — A man accused of the premeditated murder of his wife was ordered held until the end of proceedings against him by the Haifa District Court judge yesterday.

Yosef Haimovitch, 54, is accused of beating his wife, Bluma, to death with a hammer on July 22.

A police representative said that Haimovitch beat his wife bloody, called the police to say that he killed her, and when he saw that she was still alive, beat her again until she was dead.

## Lahat lauds Mehta on Malaysia affair

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat has congratulated Zubin Mehta and the members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra for not "surrendering to anti-cultural malice" and refusing to perform in Malaysia after that country demanded that a composition by Jewish composer Ernst Bloch not be played.

Lahat cabled Mehta to this effect.

FERTILITY. — Kibbutz Ein Dor has won the latest Jezreel Valley semi-annual "births contest," producing 13 new boys and girls during the past six months. The loser was Kibbutz Dovrat, with only one baby born during this period.

## Recreation village planned for Acre

ACRE (Itim). — The National Association of Community Centres will set up a recreation village on a 36,000-square-metre plot in Acre, the association said yesterday.

The village will have a bar and restaurant and sports facilities (including tennis courts, ping-pong tables and basketball and volleyball courts). Sea sports are being considered.

The village will contain rooms for rent and a camping area.

## Kollek: No problem with Shas in capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A spokesman for Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday strongly denied any connection between the mayor's relations with ultra-Orthodox parties in the municipal council and the Labour Party's political negotiations on the national level.

"These rumours have been emanating from the Labour Party now for more than a week and we're trying to put a stop to them," said municipal spokesman Rafi Davara. He was referring to reports of Kollek's allegedly worsening relations with Shas (Sephardi Torah Observers), supposedly a result of the new ultra-Orthodox party's refusal to enter a Labour Party coalition.

He said relations between the mayor and Shas — a party Kollek brought into his coalition after last autumn's municipal elections — "are fine."

On the issue of Kollek having had dinner in a restaurant last week on Tisha Be'Av night — to the consternation of religious parties, particularly Agudat Yisrael — Kollek's office issued a denial that the mayor had asked for the restaurant to remain open on the fast day.

According to Davara, many religious residents of the city have contacted the mayor's office to express "relief and satisfaction" that the mayor had apologized profusely for what he and his staff members have been calling a "stupid mistake."

## IDF to trade honours with Magen David Adom

The Israel Defence Forces and the national Magen David Adom emergency service will exchange both compliments and honours tomorrow in Tel Aviv.

Magen David Adom will receive the Operation Peace for Galilee prize, already awarded to most of the country's hospitals, while the MDA will confer honours on military units that have been outstanding in their blood contributions.

Among those to be honoured are units that have over the years contri-

buted regularly to MDA's blood bank drive.

The ceremony will be under the auspices of IDF Chief Medical Officer Tat-Aluf Amos Yaron.

Operation Peace for Galilee ribbons were presented this week to Israel Electric Corporation employees in the Safad and Nahariya areas in recognition of their efforts to maintain electricity supplies in the North at the height of the war, despite the danger to themselves.

## NEWS BACKGROUND/Aaron Sittner

## Applicants for naturalization face hurdles

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several hundred non-Jews apply for citizenship in Israel each year, but the naturalization process is so slow that the number of applicants dwindles as their requests move from office to office.

"Citizenship is only the last stage of a rather long process," Aharon Levy, director of registration, documentation and status at the Interior Ministry's population administration, explained in an interview this week.

Besides the Law of Return, framed for Jews, we have the Law of Entry into Israel and the Law of Citizenship. For the non-Jew interested in becoming an Israeli, the latter two statutes are the operative ones. All procedures must be initiated in Israel. Virtually all non-Jews interested in Israeli citizenship enter the country as tourists, or "B-2

visa entrants." These three-month permits may be extended for an additional 24 months.

Of the seven types of visas issued, the "B-2" is the most popular and several thousand requests for extension are submitted annually. Out of these, "several hundred" come from non-Jews whose religious affiliation is known because "Religion" is one of the questions asked in the visa-extension application.

Levy said: "Most of these gentiles give their local addresses as kibbutzim and their applications are even countersigned by the kibbutz secretary. Occasionally, they give as their reason for seeking Israeli citizenship their desire to convert to Judaism, which suggests that they had met a potential spouse in the kibbutz."

"Frankly, we do not rush with non-Jew's applications for citizenship. In fact, visa-extension applications by gentiles are sent to

our central office for processing, rather than being handled by the regional offices. We usually grant them Temporary Resident status, followed by Permanent Resident status — and after a year or two we start on the citizenship process."

The naturalization process — if the applicant perseveres — requires him or her to meet five requirements. One, physical presence in the country for three out of the five years preceding the application. Two, a permanent address in Israel. Three, a declared intention to settle here permanently. Four, an adequate familiarity with the Hebrew language. And five, renunciation of citizenship in all other countries.

The law grants the interior ministry the right to waive the first, fourth and fifth requirements.

People eligible for citizenship under the Law of Return are exempt from the above requirements.

"All citizens, or even permanent residents — Jew or gentile — are subject to conscription into the Israel Defence Forces," Levy notes. "But for foreigners who wish to serve in the IDF, there is a special volunteers' corps operated by the Defence Ministry."

As in most countries, the last formality before being granted citizenship is signing a pledge of allegiance. In Israel, the non-Jewish applicant has 90 days in which to sign this declaration (after all other requirements have been met.) However, if he can provide the interior ministry with a satisfactory reason for declining to sign, it may be waived.

The final decision on whether a non-Jewish applicant for Israeli citizenship is granted it, said Levy, depends on a single judgement factor: "Can he or she contribute to the development of the country?"

## Weizmann professor nominated for prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Professor Michael Feldman of the Weizmann Institute has been accepted as a nominee for the prestigious Griffler Prize for Cancer Research in 1983.

The prize is awarded in France annually.

## 2 Bulgarians enter illegally, ask asylum

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two Bulgarian men who entered the country illegally in an apparent bid for political asylum were ordered held for 24 hours yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court to allow the authorities to review their case.

Giorg Nynchev and Dimitri Hachkov, both 39, turned themselves in Sunday morning at the Ramat Gan Police station, announcing that they had entered the country illegally last Friday from an Italian ship which docked at Haifa.

The police detained them and brought them for a remand hearing yesterday. The police representative told the court that since the two entered illegally from a Communist country, they should be deported. The police asked the court to re-

mand them for 10 days in order to arrange their deportation with the Interior Ministry.

Attorney Aharon Schlanger, who volunteered to represent the men, told the court they had fled Bulgaria and managed to slip ashore unnoticed in Haifa. They then went to the Tel Aviv home of a woman friend of one of their mother's, who took them in and convinced them to report to the police.

Schlanger asked the court to release the men on bail and to let them stay with the Tel Aviv woman until their status is resolved. Judge Henya Stein ordered the men held for 24 hours, during which time the court would ask the Tel Aviv woman whether she would agree to house them until their status is decided.

## Kahane men barred from entering Shifaram

SHIFARAM (Itim). — The police yesterday prevented about 20 Kach movement supporters from entering Shifaram and cleaning up its ancient Jewish cemetery.

When informed that the Kach followers were coming to the town, the police asked Town Hall whether it

opposed their entry.

Mayor Ibrahim Nimr Hussein said that anybody else could visit the town, but not people coming as representatives of Knesset Member Meir Kahane. According to Kol Yisrael, Hussein promised to have the cemetery cleaned this week.

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## Sri Lanka town burned in reprisal

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka (AP). — Sri Lankan army troops set fire to virtually the entire Tamil-speaking town of Mannar in retaliation for a bomb attack on a military convoy by Tamil separatists, official sources said yesterday.

The officials said more than 3,000 families had lost their homes in the army violence in the city, located strategically on the Gulf of Mannar separating Sri Lanka and India.

The town is 80 kilometres south of Jaffna and 250 kilometres north of Colombo, the capital.

Tamil rebels, meanwhile, bombed the Kays police station in kilometres outside Jaffna early yesterday. The authorities said the dawn attack, which lasted nearly an hour, was repulsed and said that five guerrillas were slain. There were no police casualties.

The sources described the situation in Mannar as far worse than in Valvettilai, where the armed forces attacked Tamil homes a week ago.

"Only four to five buildings have been left standing in Mannar," a source said.

In Colombo, National Security Minister Lalith Athulthumudali said: "A police investigation is on to find out whether a mob that set fire to houses in Mannar comprised members of the Sri Lanka Army."

"If the army was involved, they will be dealt with severely under military law," he told a news conference.

The minister said the government was awaiting details of the devastation in Mannar but reported that the mob "had arrived in a government transport bus."

Thomas Sundararam, the Roman Catholic bishop of Mannar, earlier said soldiers rampaged through the streets on Sunday in reprisal for the rebel attack on a military convoy near the town a day earlier.

"It is like an army of invasion flattening everything in its path," he told reporters, by telephone.

Reliable government sources said eight to 10 soldiers were killed when

a remote-controlled bomb exploded on a highway north of Mannar on Saturday. The government had admitted only six deaths.

In another development, Athulthumudali reported that 15 "Tamil terrorists" were slain in a gun battle with security forces last Saturday shortly after a powerful explosion destroyed a two-storey police station near Jaffna and killed at least 19 Tamils. Most of the victims were reported imprisoned inside.

The blast occurred at Chunnakam, 15 kilometres outside Jaffna.

Two senior Swiss government officials have flown from Bern to Sri Lanka to obtain first-hand information on the situation of the Tamil minority in that country.

Switzerland has become a reluctant haven for at least 1,450 Tamil refugees, mostly young men, who arrived via the Soviet Union and East Germany and asked for political asylum. Many were smuggled across the Swiss border by professional smugglers.

## Republicans, 'proud, strong' — to convene next week

DALLAS (AP). — At their nominating convention next week, Republicans will gather under the theme that the nation is "prouder, stronger and better" under the leadership of President Ronald Reagan, the party chairman announced on Sunday.

Many of the nation's best-known Republicans are scheduled to address the four-day convention — although former president Richard Nixon will not.

In a break with tradition, the convention will nominate both Reagan and Vice-President George Bush for new terms on a single roll call of the states at the party meeting.

Previously, Republicans and the opposition Democrats have awarded their presidential nominations on one night and their vice-presidential nominations on the next.

The roll call will come Wednesday, August 22, and both nominations are assured, since neither man has any opposition.

Party chairman Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., who announced the conven-

tion schedule, said the theme of the convention will be: "We as a nation are prouder, stronger, better under the leadership of Ronald Reagan."

The Reverend Jerry Falwell, a fundamentalist preacher from Lynchburg, Virginia and founder of the Moral Majority, a group that espouses conservative values, will deliver the benediction on Wednesday night, following the roll call that certifies Reagan and Bush as the nominees.

The two candidates will speak to the convention August 23 in what will amount to a nationally televised beginning of their campaign for a second term in office — a race against Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale and his running-mate, Representative Geraldine Ferraro.

Also speaking to the convention will be U.S. ambassador to the UN Jeanne Kirkpatrick, a Democrat, and former President Gerald Ford, along with Senator Howard Baker, retiring this year as Senate majority leader.

## Arrests as miners' pickets clash with English police

LONDON (AP). — Striking British coal miners clashed with policemen early yesterday outside a working colliery in central England as the dispute over threatened pit closures entered its 23rd week.

A police spokesman said some 500 pickets assembled outside the colliery near Cuckney, Nottinghamshire as local miners arrived for the morning shift. When the pickets failed to persuade the men not to enter the colliery, they turned on the police, hurling stones and bricks, the spokesman said.

The Union office had no details on the incident.

Two police officers were slightly injured and 24 arrests were made.

About 2,500 pickets had travelled

overnight in cars and coaches to Nottinghamshire, the centre of miner resistance to the often violent strike, but about 2,000 were turned back by the police as they drove along roads leading to the colliery.

It is illegal in Britain for people to picket anywhere other than outside their own place of work.

On Sunday, five buses owned by the state-owned National Coal Board were destroyed in an arson attack.

The police said inflammable liquid was thrown over the five buses, parked at an engineering works in North Derbyshire to have grills fitted over their windows so they could take working miners through picket lines.

## Anti-Soviet quips attributed to Reagan in broadcast test

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan was quoted Sunday as having joked in a voice test for his weekend radio broadcast that he had signed legislation that "outlaws Russia forever" and that bombing would begin "in five minutes."

Reagan's comments were made in what the White House says was an "off the record" sound-level test on Saturday, before the president taped a broadcast on tax policy from his Santa Barbara, California ranch.

A source told reporters that Reagan jokingly remarked: "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed

legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes."

No reporters were present at the taping session, and no copy of the tape recording could be obtained Sunday night.

Underground rules worked out by the White House and the broadcast networks that tape Reagan's weekend addresses, comments by the president during microphone checks and sound levels are off the record.

The White House refused to confirm or deny the report.

## Stork visits identical-twin couples

CHESTERFIELD, England (AP). — A pair of identical twin sisters who married identical twin brothers on the same day have given birth to a boy and a girl within an hour of each other.

The 26-year-old mothers, Pauline and Pat Collier, both gave birth at a hospital in this North England town.

Legally, the babies are first cousins, but medically they're brother and sister because their parents' genes are identical, a hospital

spokesman said.

The women are believed to be Britain's only identical twin sisters married to identical twin brothers, Peter and John, 27.

Pat's 4.385kg boy arrived first, and Pauline's 3.67kg daughter followed 53 minutes later.

"The same doctor delivered both babies rushing to and fro and laying bets with the nurses as to which would be born first," John said.

The babies were born Saturday night.

## Reagan backs off on tax promise

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP). — President Ronald Reagan on Sunday backed off from his pledge not to raise taxes, a move that an aide to Walter Mondale said "confirms" what the Democratic presidential candidate has been saying all along.

"A president of the United States should never say never, but a tax increase has always been for me a last resort," Reagan said in a statement released in Santa Barbara. "I will first want to do everything I can to reduce the deficit by keeping our economy growing and reducing wasteful federal spending."

Less than a week ago, before meeting with Vice-President George Bush, Reagan insisted that he had no plans to raise taxes. But after the meeting, Bush said Reagan was keeping his options open.

The president said Sunday that he

agreed with Bush's assessment.

Asked to comment on the Reagan statement, Mondale spokesman Dayton Duncan said: "This is the latest in the round of contradictory statements from the Reagan administration, but it confirms what Mr. Mondale has been saying, 'that a tax increase is necessary.'"

In his second weekly paid political radio broadcast, Mondale attacked Reagan on a new front — defence.

The Democratic presidential nominee accused Reagan of weakening national security by squandering billions in the Pentagon budget and of buying "every big-ticket weapon in the candy store" while skimping on essential supplies and spare parts.

Mondale, saying the U.S. must be strong militarily to face the Soviet challenge, charged that Reagan has "no coherent defence strategy."

## Suspected thieves made to walk on burning coals

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Fourteen suspected thieves in a southwestern town sustained serious burns after being made to walk on burning coals, Pakistani newspapers reported on Sunday.

Following a burglary in Sibi, 450 kilometres southwest of here, villagers last week forced the 14 suspects to walk on burning charcoal, believing an ancient myth that a thief walking on coals will burn to ashes.

Five of the suspects have been admitted to a state-run hospital at

Sibi for treatment of burns, while the others were treated and released. The theft remains unsolved and no stolen goods have been recovered, the reports said.

A medical student from Dera Bugti village, 160km southeast of Sibi, faces the same test, the papers said. Sateesh Kumar, a Hindu by religion, has allegedly "outraged the modesty of a Hindu girl," and will be forced to walk on coals to prove his innocence, the reports said.

## North African leaders and Fahad to hold summit

RABAT (AP). — King Hassan II left Fez yesterday for the border town of Oujda where he was to participate in a summit meeting involving Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, informed sources said.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the situation in the former

Spanish Sahara, now annexed by Morocco, where guerrillas have been waging a war for independence since 1975, said the sources.

Morocco severed diplomatic relations with Algeria nine years ago because of Algeria's support of the Polisario guerrilla movement in the Sahara.



## Sports

## Olympic extravaganza ends in dazzling style

LOS ANGELES (AP). — The closing ceremony of the Los Angeles Games Sunday night was marked by Olympic ritual, a dazzling display of space-age technology and a refreshing show of spontaneity by the athletes.

The show portion of the ceremony featured a flying saucer, lasers, a space traveller and a sound-and-light spectacular.

Each spectator was issued a flashlight and instructed to turn it on, creating a sea of blue light.

The flying saucer, suspended below a darkened helicopter, dazzled the crowd of more than 92,000 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with multi-coloured flashing lights accompanied by music and eerie sounds of a science-fiction movie.

Then the imposing "spaceman," standing high atop the coliseum archway said that, inspired by the Olympics, he had decided to show his gratitude with a show of his own. A giant fireworks display followed. Lionel Richie then sang, accompanied by dozens of dancers.

Earlier, the ceremony, seen as a celebration for the athletes, was turned into an impromptu party by thousands of joyous competitors.

When they were supposed to be gathering on the Coliseum infield for the formal portion of the ceremony, athletes of many nations briefly turned the scene into gleeful pandemonium.

Ignoring an announcer's plea to stay off the track and return to the centre of the field, they raced round and round, bearing their national flags and waving playfully at the crowd.

About 15 minutes later, security personnel herded the athletes onto the infield and the formalities continued.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, declared the games formally closed.

Then the Olympic flame, which had been carried thousands of kilometres across America in a relay, was extinguished.

Marathon gold for Portugal

The closing ceremony also featured the finish of the final event of the XXIII Olympiad — the men's marathon.

When winner Carlos Lopes sprinted into the Coliseum, the crowd stood as one and greeted the 37-year-old bank loan officer from Portugal.

Lopes, the world cross-country champion, finished the last of 221 medal events in the games in 2 hours 9 minutes 21 seconds, breaking the Olympic mark of 2:09:55 set by Waldemar Cierpinski of East Germany in 1976.

The sun was going down as Lopes ran into the Coliseum at the end of the 42.195-kilometre race, 200 metres ahead of John Treacy of Ireland, who finished in 2:09:56, and Britain's Charles Spedding, the bronze medalist in 2:09:58.

It was Portugal's first gold medal in Olympic track and field history, and its only gold of the Los Angeles games. Treacy's silver was Ireland's only medal here.

Israel's Shmeltov Sabag 25, finished 60th in the marathon, in a time of 2 hours, 31 minutes and 34 seconds.

3 more golds for U.S.

Except for the Marathon, the Olympics' last day was a U.S. sweep. Americans won diving, equestrian jumping and synchronized swimming events.

U.S. diver Greg Louganis splashed into the Olympic record books by winning the first final of the day, the men's platform dive, for his second gold medal of the games.

Budd: I'm not to blame for Decker's fall

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Zola Budd has disclaimed responsibility for a crash on the track with America's Mary Decker that ended their hopes for gold at the Olympics.

"All I want to say about the whole thing is that I am convinced I didn't do anything wrong," the South African-born athlete said in an article yesterday in the *Daily Mail*.

"There's no point in trying to apportion blame but I can understand Mary's frustration and anger," Budd wrote. "She says it's my fault. I'm not saying it's her fault."

After taking the lead in the 3,000 metres final Saturday, Budd said she

## Final Medals tally

	G	S	B	Total
U.S.	83	61	30	174
West Germany	17	19	23	59
Romania	20	16	17	53
Canada	10	18	26	54
G.D.R.	15	8	9	32
China	14	6	12	32
Italy	10	8	14	32
France	5	7	13	25
Australia	4	6	7	19
S. Korea	6	2	11	19
Sweden	7	4	7	18
Yugoslavia	5	2	6	13
Netherlands	4	3	7	14
Finland	4	3	7	14
New Zealand	4	1	2	7
Brazil	0	4	1	5
Switzerland	0	4	1	5
Mexico	2	3	1	6
Denmark	0	3	1	4
Spain	1	2	2	5
Belgium	1	1	2	4
Austria	1	1	2	4
Portugal	1	0	2	3
Jamaica	0	1	2	3
Norway	0	1	2	3
Turkey	0	1	2	3
Venezuela	0	0	3	3
Morocco	2	0	0	2
Kenya	0	1	1	2
Greece	0	1	1	2
Nigeria	0	1	1	2
Puerto Rico	0	1	1	2
Algeria	0	0	2	2
Pakistan	0	1	0	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Egypt	0	1	0	1
Ireland	0	1	0	1
Ivory Coast	0	1	0	1
Peru	0	1	0	1
Soviet Union	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Israel	0	0	1	1
Taiwan	0	0	1	1
Zambia	0	0	1	1

His record 710.91 points surpassed the 688.06 mark he set in preliminaries on Saturday and made him the first man in 56 years to capture gold from both the springboard and platform in the same Olympics. The scoring system has been revised since the 1980 summer games in Moscow.

Fellow American Bruce Kimball took the silver and China's Li Kong-zheng won the bronze.

In individual equestrian jumping, American Joe Fargis rode Touch of Class to the gold, teammate Conrad Homfeld took the silver astride Abdullah and Heidi Robbiani of Switzerland rode Jessica to the bronze.

Fargis and Homfeld were tied at the end of regular competition, but the gold medalist won a jump-off. Robbiani likewise shared third place with Mario Deslauriers of Canada and Bruno Candian of Switzerland, but outjumped them in an extra round for the medal.

At poolside, Tracie Ruiz of the U.S. placed first in women's solo synchronized swimming, her second gold of the games. She also shared the gold in duet synchronized swimming, an event which is described as water ballet and made its Olympic debut in Los Angeles.

Canada's Waldo swam to silver in the event and Miwako Motoyoshi of Japan won the bronze.

The U.S. gold medal tally of 83 surpassed the previous high of 80 won by Soviet athletes at the 1980 Moscow summer games, boycotted by the Americans, but the U.S. total of 174 fell short of the 195 overall medals the Soviets won then.

After the presentation in the stadium of the medals to the top three marathoners, the equestrians received their medals and mounted their horses for a victory lap.

Shortly afterward came the parade of flags and placards representing the 140 nations that participated in the Olympics.

Unlike the opening ceremonies, the athletes didn't march in national groups. They walked intermingled, signifying the international friendship of the games.

Baseball: Sunday

was thrown off balance by a sudden "bump" from behind, felt spikes rake down the back of her head and then saw the American world record holder fall.

"I couldn't believe it. It was terrible. I wanted to stop. I wanted it all to end. And, in truth, the race for me was already over," Budd said.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	77	41	.653	—
Toronto	66	48	.579	9
Baltimore	61	55	.526	15
New York	61	55	.526	15
Boston	60	55	.522	15 1/2
Milwaukee	51	67	.432	26
Cleveland	48	68	.414	28

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	69	53	.562	—
California	59	57	.509	14 1/2
Chicago	57	59	.491	16
Kansas City	56	60	.483	16 1/2
Oakland	56	63	.471	6
Seattle	53	66	.445	9
Cruz	30	66	.303	10 1/2

Sunday's Games: Baltimore 5, Toronto 4; Cleveland 6, New York 5; Milwaukee 4, Chicago 1; Detroit 8, Kansas City 4; Minnesota 3, Seattle 6; California 16, Oakland 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	70	47	.598	—
New York	64	50	.561	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	62	53	.539	7
Montreal	57	59	.491	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	56	60	.483	13 1/2
Cincinnati	51	67	.432	19 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	69	48	.590	—
Atlanta	60	58	.509	9 1/2
Los Angeles	59	59	.500	10 1/2
Houston	57	62	.479	13
Cincinnati	50	68	.424	19 1/2
San Francisco	45	69	.395	22 1/2

Sunday's Games: Chicago 7, Montreal 3; New York 6, Pittsburgh 3; Atlanta 5, San Diego 3; Houston 6, Cleveland 1; Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 4; St. Louis at Philadelphia, p.p.

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## South Korea releases Chinese hijackers

SEOUL (Reuters). — Six Chinese, jailed here for hijacking a Chinese airliner to Seoul in May of last year, were freed by South Korea yesterday and left for political asylum in Taiwan.

A brief government statement said the Justice Ministry had decided to free the hijackers by suspending their sentences and "promptly expelling them from the country."

"On the basis of humanitarianism, they will be allowed to choose their destination by their own free will," the statement added.

They were then handed over to Taiwanese embassy officials and taken to the airport.

AMNESTY. — The South Korean government announced a special amnesty yesterday for 1,730 people, including 714 former political prisoners, effective today, the











# Money Matters

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## Share volume falls below \$1m. mark

TEL AVIV. — The inevitable finally happened yesterday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. With the nominal level of share volume shrinking steadily over time, and the price of the dollar rising remorselessly against the shekel, it was a matter of time until the two crossed. Yesterday, aided by the trading halt in the IDB and Discount shares, because of publication of half-yearly results, the event occurred.

The representative rate of the dollar climbed above 300 to the shekel, and the trading volume in shares fell to \$1.29 million. This is the first time that trading has been below the \$1m. mark, and represents a new nadir in the "slow death" process that is at work in the stock exchange in general, and in the share market in particular.

Bond volume was also very low, by recent standards, so that the total turnover on the exchange was only \$1.93 million, or \$3.1m.

Despite the blatant lack of interest in the market, the actual movement of prices was as usual, including wild swings in options, rises and falls of up to 10 and even 15 per cent in individual areas, and an overall positive tone to the share market, at least as reflected by the indices.

Bond price levels were almost completely static, on the other hand.

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

**Announcements:**  
The Stock Exchange announced that, as a result of the low level of activity, the trading will take place in only two halls, instead of three hitherto, as of August 19.

**Bank Discount** published its half-yearly results (see story page 6).  
**The Development and Mortgage Bank**, the Discount mortgage subsidiary, registered an adjusted loss of \$162m., compared to an equivalent profit of \$194m. in the first half of 1983, and a profit of \$111m. for the full year.

**American Israeli Paper Mills** achieved an adjusted profit of \$140m. in the April-June quarter of this year.

**Rogovin Building Company** announced that it had, with another Israeli company and local Panamanian and foreign parties, undertaken to set-up a construction company in Panama. The new company has already started its first project in Panama City. Rogovin's stake in the new company is 5 per cent.  
**Eftas Industries** did not trade yesterday, as the exchange invest-

### MARKET STATISTICS

**Indices**  
General Share Index 276.73 +0.97%  
Non-bank Index 206.48 +1.27%  
Arrangement Bank Index 326.14 +0.87%  
Industrial Index 223.14 +1.46%  
Bond Index 261.23 +0.14%

**Turnovers**  
Shares 15297.9m.  
Bonds 15632.4m.  
Totals 15930.3m.  
Advances 189  
Declines 134  
of which 5% + 27  
of which 5% - 27  
"Buyers only" 6  
"Sellers only" 13

**Bond market trends**  
4% fully-linked: Stable/Rises to 3%  
3% fully-linked: Stable/Falls to 3%  
80% linked: Stable/Falls to 3%  
Mixed to 2%  
Double-linked: Stable/Falls to 3%  
Dollar-linked: Stable/Falls to 3%

**Most Active Shares**

Leumi	4534	\$164.0m.	+100
Hapoalim	7040	\$136.1m.	+40
Mizrahi	4250	\$117.8m.	n.c.

**Sharpest Moves**

Rogovin opt.	30	-14	-31.8%
Kopel opt.	210	+48	+29.6%
Cohen opt.	143	+28	+24.4%
Gali Techno. opt.	68.5	-16.5	-19.4%

gated unusual orders for this share that were given in the last few days.  
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N. American 1 1686 +0.1%  
N. American 2 1230 +0.1%  
N. American 3 2146 +0.1%  
Danot 1 275 +0.1%  
Danot 2 69 820 +0.1%  
Danot 3 177 40 +0.1%  
First Int'l 1 382 1233 +0.1%  
FIBI 1 322 604 +0.1%

**Commercial Banks**  
(part of "arrangement")  
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IDB 4 1270 83 +100 +1.3  
IDB 5 10450 no trading  
IDB 6 1270 83 +100 +1.3  
IDB 7 10450 no trading  
IDB 8 1270 83 +100 +1.3  
IDB 9 10450 no trading  
IDB 10 1270 83 +100 +1.3

**Real Estate, Building**  
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Gindi 2 388 97 +10 +2.7  
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**Trade & Services**  
Trade 1 330 47 +5 +1.5  
Trade 2 123 100 n.c.  
Trade 3 46 82 +1 +2.2  
Trade 4 388 28 -10 -1.7  
Trade 5 305 84 -6 -1.9  
Trade 6 164 -2 -2  
Trade 7 116 34 -10 -7.9  
Trade 8 30 68 +2 +7.1  
Trade 9 201 65 n.c.  
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**Services**  
Dekel 1 2160 82 -20 -2.9  
Dekel 2 1360 5 +30 +2.3  
Dekel 3 920 8 +20 +2.2  
Dekel 4 1078 52 +5 +2.3  
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Dekel 6 19000 -745 -3.8  
Dekel 7 8600 -652 -7.1  
Dekel 8 590 443 n.c.  
Dekel 9 380 400 n.c.  
Dekel 10 201 1396 n.c.

**Hotels, Tourism**  
Galei Zohar 1 1775 -84 +5.0  
Galei Zohar 2 669 108 n.c.

### Textiles and Clothing

Offs 148 82 +4 +2.8  
Offs 2 37 120 -1 -2.0  
Offs 3 510 - - -  
Offs 4 260 - - -  
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Offs 6 92 54 +7 +8.2  
Offs 7 46 60 +1 +2.2  
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**Computers**  
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Hilon 12 214 -6 -2.7  
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Hilon 14 1140 - - -  
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**Real Estate, Building**  
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Elbit 4 149 161 +6 +4.2  
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Elbit 11 2600 10 +100 +4.0  
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Elbit 13 1121 5 +51 +4.8  
Elbit 14 835 - +5 +6  
Elbit 15 762 40 n.c.  
Elbit 16 214 106 -1 -5  
Elbit 17 109 281 -2 -1.8  
Elbit 18 360 23 n.c.  
Elbit 19 185 60 +17 +10.1  
Elbit 20 85 14 n.c.  
Elbit 21 234 - -2 -9  
Elbit 22 121 - -2 -9  
Elbit 23 840 29 -10 -1.2  
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Elbit 25 765 n.c.  
Elbit 26 432 5 n.c.  
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I.P. Industries 3 83 61 n.c.  
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I.P. Industries 12 55 n.c.  
I.P. Industries 13 154 - - -  
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**Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics**  
Agan Chem. 1025 49 +5 +5  
Agan Chem. 2 768 -102 -11.7  
Agan Chem. 3 179 s.o.1 -9 -5.0  
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Agan Chem. 9 1020 50 -20 -1.9  
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**Food and Tobacco**  
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Atlas 2 208 - +2 +2.7  
Atlas 3 77 3 -5.0  
Atlas 4 151 13 -8 -5.0  
Atlas 5 604 70 +14 +2.4  
Atlas 6 457 -1 -2.2  
Atlas 7 1120 11 +20 +1.8  
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Atlas 21 3010 28 -40 -1.3  
Atlas 22 2392 8 -125 -5.0  
Atlas 23 425 19 +14 +3.4  
Atlas 24 700 17 +10 +1.5

**Industries**  
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Hadar 3 33 1 n.c.  
Hadar 4 2300 12 n.c.  
Hadar 5 271 153 +4 +1.5  
Hadar 6 740 4 n.c.  
Hadar 7 159 s.o.1 -8 -5.1

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## Shoring up the Knesset

THE OPENING of a new Knesset is a festive occasion for Israeli democracy. That celebration should not be marred even by the enormity of the unavoidable affirmation of a Meir Kahane in its midst.

Ever since publication of the results of the elections to the Eleventh Knesset much critical comment has focused on the need to reform an electoral system that has been problematic for decades but seems no longer to work.

Some signs attendant upon yesterday's events in the Knesset, however, are unmistakable warning signs that the Knesset itself, as the key institution in our political system, is badly in need of review and reform.

The embarrassing decision to adjourn the new Knesset pending the successful formation of a new government coalition is clearly one such sign. The inability to agree on the election of a Speaker at yesterday's session and the resulting need to fall into the constitutional dilemma of having Dr. Yosef Burg serve concurrently as a cabinet minister and as speaker-pro-tempore due to his being the doyen of the House, is another.

The Knesset, like all parliaments, has several all-important functions to perform: it is the representative of the people in according legitimacy to the establishment of government and to its maintenance in office; as legislator it confers legitimacy on the norms of government and the public service; it should function as a check and control against the abuse of power by the officials it has placed in power; and it serves as the highly visible forum for public debate and for setting the agenda for that ongoing public discourse.

It would not be far from the truth to assert that with the exception of the latter function, which the Knesset performs raucously, inelegantly but otherwise not too badly, it has not fulfilled its other two roles as it should for a long time.

The Tenth Knesset, for example, failed completely to serve as a check or corrective to the executive branch, in the case of the war in Lebanon and in the dizzying descent of the national economy into deep crisis.

In the Knesset's early years, critics found much of the fault for its poor performance in the nearly total subservience of the Knesset Members to their highly centralized parties and their bosses in the cabinet.

As the party centres have declined in power and coherence in the last decade and more, individual Knesset Members have won greater independence. They have failed, however, to use that greater freedom from the dictates of their party bosses to the advantage of a balanced system.

Much of the fault would seem to lie in the attitudes that are common to nearly all MKs. The Knesset is seen by them as a stepping stone to "higher office" in the executive and not as a supremely important function in its own right. Thus the spectacle of top-level political leaders declining to serve as Knesset Speaker, on the assumption that it is a post devoid of the power that even third grade cabinet ministers enjoy.

The upshot of such attitudes is a dangerous distortion in the relationship between the major institutions of our democratic system, a distortion that has expressed itself in a gradual but long-term decline in the public's respect for the Knesset.

This is a distortion which public-spirited, self-respecting MKs should seek to correct. A fundamental review of the functioning of the Knesset, with an eye to constitutional and procedural reform, should be more feasible today, now that both major parties have experienced both periods in power and the frustrations of opposition.

## KNESSET OPENS

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steering committee, as presented by Moshe Shahal. The committee has been functioning since last Thursday, with Shahal (Labour Alignment) as chairman and Haim Corfu (Likud-Herut) as deputy chairman.

Mohammed Miani's motion that his party, the Progressive List for Peace, be given a representative on the committee was defeated. Shahal said that in order not to render the committee unwieldy, Aharon Abuhazreia, on the basis of his seniority, had been chosen to represent all the small factions not represented.

The Knesset then approved two temporary committees, one on foreign affairs and defence and the other on finance, agreed on last Thursday by the steering committee. These will be headed, respectively, by Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment-Labour) and Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael).

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) protested against his party's exclusion from those two committees, and said that there could be no economic recovery so long as IDF troops are in Lebanon.

As Miani rose to speak, Kahane shouted across the chamber,

"Ashafnik!" - Ashaf being the Hebrew acronym for PLO.

Things got hotter when Geula Cohen (Tehiya), in the name of several parties, called on the Knesset to decry the worsening plight of Zionist activists in the Soviet Union.

DFPE members Tawfik Zayyad and Charlie Biton started shouting. Biton also banging on his desk, rising and waving a threatening finger. Kahane hurled epithets like "criminal" and "villain" in their direction.

Burg adjourned the session, without specifying the date of the next. But Shahal told reporters that he expected the date to be September 3.

Asher Wallfish adds:

Burg told The Jerusalem Post last night that he was not sure whether Kahane had made his pledge of allegiance. "I have asked Knesset clerk Samuel Jacobson to get me the protocol of the session, and after studying it I shall rule whether Kahane can already enjoy his rights as a Knesset member. There was too much noise the last time he was asked to pledge, and so I cannot tell you now what his parliamentary status is," Burg said.

Asked by The Post why he handled Kahane in such a permissive manner, Burg replied: "Because I believe that way always works best."

AS WAS TO BE expected, the issue of who is a Jew, or rather, who is a convert, will loom large in the coalition negotiations. This issue has long bedevilled Israeli politics even after it was considered to have been settled in 1970. While western countries do not define who is a Frenchman or a Swede, except in terms of citizenship, Israel's uniqueness as a Jewish state, where ethnicity and religion are inextricably interwoven, necessitated legislation. Thus a religious problem soon evolved into a political one.

A major government crisis developed following a directive issued in 1958 by Yisrael Bar-Yehuda, the minister of the interior, that "a person who bona fide declares himself to be a Jew" shall be registered as such under the Law of Registration of Inhabitants. In protest, the ministers of the National Religious Party (NRP) resigned from the government. After lengthy negotiations, a compromise was reached and was incorporated in 1970 in the Law of Return, to the effect that "for the purposes of this law, 'Jew' means a person who was born of a Jewish mother or who has been converted to Judaism and who does not profess another religion."

The 1970 debate was one of the most ideological and tense ever held in the Knesset, where opposing and deeply-held convictions confronted one another.

The opponents of the bill contended that, in the case of mixed marriages, the spiritual affinity to either parent should be the determining criterion, rather than the Orthodox criterion of physical affinity to the mother. They pointed out

that during the Holocaust, gentle wives, at grave risk, protected their Jewish husbands. They and their children, loyal sons of their people and defenders of the homeland, would now be denied the status of a Jew, while a PLO terrorist, son of a Jew, while a PLO terrorist, son of a Jew, while a PLO terrorist, son of a Jew, would be regarded as a Jew. But even opponents of the bill, alive to the need to preserve national unity, joined others, and it was enacted by an overwhelming majority.

IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE that, in the course of this debate, the problem of conversion should arise, for the definition of a Jew under the bill included a "person who has been converted to Judaism."

While the NRP co-authored the law with the dominant Labour Party and supported it, Agudat Yisrael opposed it since the definition of conversion did not stipulate that it was to be carried out "in accordance with the Halacha." Rabbi Menahem Forush moved an amendment calling for the addition of these five

words, on the grounds that as it stood, the bill would enable Reform and Conservative Jews abroad to qualify as Jews for the purpose of the Law of Return. This amendment was defeated by the combined votes of the NRP and the other coalition parties.

Summing up the debate for the government, Bar-Yehuda pointed out that, under the new legislation, the status of a Jew in Israel and questions about conversions in this country would be determined by the Halacha; while for the purpose of the Law of Return, anyone converted abroad according to Reform or Conservative procedure would be admitted to Israel as a Jew.

He also noted that with regard to marriages to be performed in Israel, the rabbinical courts were not bound to recognize as a Jew someone whose conversion was not halachically valid. In short, the government of Israel could legislate for the Jews of Israel, but not for those of the Diaspora. Thus, the new law would assure unity within Israel on the

basic of the Halacha, and by the, admission of Reform and Conservative converts under the Law of Return, would assure unity with the Diaspora.

The spokesman of the NRP eloquently supported the bill and so did Menachem Begin, then a member of Golda Meir's cabinet. Moshe Nissim praised the government for introducing the bill, "which safeguards the uniqueness and the integrity of the people."

In reply to the Aguda, which urged a halachic conversion for the Diaspora, the late Moshe Shapira, leader of the NRP, said: "I praise the government and the Knesset for finding a proper way out of this dilemma and for enacting a law that reflects credit on the government and the Knesset."

It was generally believed that the thorny and inflammable issue had been laid to rest by the joint effort of the NRP and coalition partners.

THIS WAS NOT so, however, although the implementation of the law occasioned no difficulties, and

no controversy on the practical level was ever brought to public attention. The agitation for a change of the conversion clause in the Law of Return was initiated by ultra-Orthodox groups in the U.S. They unleashed a propaganda barrage featuring full-page ads in Israeli dailies. It was important for them to secure an act of the Israeli parliament which would delegitimize Reform and Conservative Judaism, and consequently enhance their position as the only legitimate expression of Judaism. It was only after the NRP reneged on its 1970 commitment that the religious extremists succeeded in making the issue a major political one.

For nearly a decade, the NRP showed signs of departing from its traditional stance as a party of moderation and as a stabilizing element in national politics. Its young guard, in particular, turned to extremism, on the political level going even beyond the Herut programmes, and on the religious level moving to intolerance and Orthodox rigidity. Many of its graduates found refuge in radical groupings; some featured in the recent batch of distinguished arrivals in the Tel Mond prison.

For its deviation from the path of moderation, the NRP was punished by the electorate. In 1981 it lost half of its parliamentary strength, and in 1984 a third of the remainder. It has suffered more than its due from the malaise affecting Israeli politics. It is now a demoralized party, seeking salvation in political and religious extremism, even at the risk of a rift with the Diaspora.

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## Return to a refuge

By ELI LEDERHENDLER

here? The consequences of a theocracy will primarily affect us, here and now, regardless of the unity or disunity between Israel and the Diaspora. The question is not only one of the status of Reform or Conservative rabbis, but of the citizen's status in Israel and the nature of public life and civic culture.

But there is another aspect of the proposed amendment which is, I feel, far more serious. The proponents and opponents of the "who is a Jew" clause have both been oblivious to the fact that who is or is not a Jew is a side issue, as far as the Law of Return is concerned. The primary purpose and raison d'être of the law is to provide an absolute guarantee of secure haven to the Jewish people. This is a basic trust, assumed by the State of Israel in the wake of the Holocaust, when thousands upon thousands of Jews might have been saved, had it not been for immigration restrictions imposed by coun-

tries of potential refuge. Amending the Law of Return by excluding certain self-identifying Jews from its provisions would violate this basic trust.

THAT NO ONE seems to have thought of this is eloquent testimony to the sense of overwhelming security, at least in the physical sense, which Jews in Israel, as well as abroad, have achieved as the 20th century draws to a close. What is plain, however, is that if anti-Jewish persecution should re-emerge in any country at any time in the future, the well-being - indeed the rescue - of many Jews may depend on the ironclad guarantee of Israeli refuge. It is equally plain that any persecutor will not hesitate to count as Jewish those spouses and children of Jews or converts who are Jews by choice, identity and birth in all eyes but those of the rabbinate of Israel.

It will be argued that such people,

in danger of persecution, could find refuge in Israel even without the Law of Return. Why, then, have such a law in the first place, if the aim is not to elevate the guarantee of safe haven to constitutional status?

Can any of the proponents of the "who is a Jew" amendment know today that, in a century or more, Israel will not practise a more selective immigration policy, except in the case of those covered by the Law of Return? Will a time of crisis be the proper time to begin amending other immigration statutes, and would the Orthodox rabbinate be willing then to suspend the halachic qualification for Jewish nationality?

Moreover, the Law of Return is more than a promise of refuge in time of need. It can possibly serve as the juridical pretext for granting the protection of Israeli citizenship to Jewish groups or individuals, whose predicament might thus be negotiated at governmental level.

Granted, these are hypothetical circumstances. But the law is intended to apply not only in normal times but also - perhaps most of all - in extreme cases.

THESE SHOULD be the paramount concerns in relation to the Law of Return. That the law raises questions regarding personal status in Israel is extraneous, although it is precisely here that the conflict arises. If the Orthodox cannot make peace with the Law of Return as it stands, and if some form of guarantee is necessary to deal with possible conflict in cases of personal status, then by all means let the Law of Return be amended: Let a proviso be attached to the effect that any application of the law not be construed as interference with the functioning of the halachic courts, which must adjudicate individual cases in accordance with halachic standards (however they are determined).

That the area of possible conflict is so small in normal times should make such a compromise relatively simple. That the potential problems for refugees in times of crisis are so enormous should make compromise imperative.

The writer is currently working on a history of Jewish political culture in Tsarist Russia.

## READERS' LETTERS

### RABBI KAHANE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Knesset Member-elect Rabbi Meir Kahane is often referred to as "the so-called Rabbi." The implication is that there is something questionable, if not actually fraudulent, about Kahane's use of this title.

In his article, "The headline for Zion," (August 2), Shalom Cohen writes: "This man, called Rabbi (somehow it does not bother our rabbis who do not even ask who gave Kahane the title, who ordained him?)." Mr. Cohen raises a question which may have puzzled many readers. Regrettably, he does not supply the answer.

After a brief investigation, I obtained the following information and wish to share it with your readers. Rabbi Meir Kahane was ordained by Rabbi Avraham Kalma-

nowitz, dean of the Mirer Yeshiva in the U.S. He occupied pulpits at two Orthodox congregations in Queens, New York, and also taught at the Yeshiva of Central Queens.

In Israel, he was examined and licensed for the rabbinate by the late Chief Rabbi of Israel Isaac Halevy Herzog (father of our incumbent President, Chaim Herzog). In the late fifties, he was offered rabbinical posts at Kiryat Gat and Kibbutz Saad. His recently completed commentary on the Bible will soon be published.

In view of all this, I wish to assure your readers that the correct way to refer to Rabbi Meir Kahane is by his legitimate title - rabbi.

CEPORA H. LEVINE  
 Jerusalem.

### GOD HELP US!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - When I heard that even those accused of terrorist acts against the Arabs had requested from Meir Kahane not to speak on their behalf, it reminded me of the Hassidic tale where a house owner complains of his over-crowded home.

The village rabbi tells him to bring one animal after the other into the home. The house becomes even more crowded and the owner ca... understand the logic of the rabbi's notion. Finally, the rabbi tells him

to take out the extra animals. The house reverts to its previous situation and the home owner suddenly feels he is living in a mansion.

If Meir Kahane and his supporters continue with their psychopathic rantings and fascist madness, we may well find ourselves yearning for the good old days when a relatively small number of sane Jews attempted to murder a relatively small number of Arabs.

May God save us from the evil cancer within our midst!  
 Hanita.  
 STEVE SCHIFF

### EQUALITY IN THE HOME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It is a sad indication of how far we still are from full awareness of what constitutes equality in the home, that even a feminist like Haviya Avigal, who describes herself as having "a philosophy about equal status for women" (Today - August 2) is quoted by your reporter as believing that "a young woman with young children has to give first priority to... her children."

Until we accept that both parents are equally responsible for home-making and child-nurturing, women will never achieve equal status, either in the home or in the work force. This was only one of the points that emerged with increased force and clarity from the stimulating Dialogue on the Jewish Woman organized by the American Jewish Congress, which was covered by Amy Levinson on the same Today page.

It is perfectly correct that children and family must receive top priority if we are to create a healthy society, but we must beware of ignoring that the welfare and self-respect of the wife and mother are equally vital to the creation of such a society.

Jerusalem.  
 ALICE SHALVI

### PENFRIENDS

DAVID ARANOFF (35), of 62 Ludlow Street, Saint John, N.B., Canada, would like to correspond with an Israeli woman. He is interested in photography, travel and current Jewish affairs.

### THE REAL DANGER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I don't see what all the fuss over Meir Kahane is about. More than 22,000 Israeli citizens voted for him in a perfectly democratic way and that is what should cause concern. Moreover, as David Bernstein pointed out ("Immunizing the public," August 3), there is no qualitative difference between Kahane and the other, "legitimate," right-wing parties: it's simply a matter of degree.

The height of hypocrisy was when the Jewish underground people dissociated themselves from Kahane. Some of them have been indicted for murder and for attempted mass mur-

der of Arabs. Kahane may have been in jail a couple of times, but as far as I know, he has never been charged with murder.

A considerable portion of an entire generation of seemingly solid, upright Israeli youth is obsessed with racial hatred. And when they take over Tehiya, as soon they will, Meir Kahane will seem mild by comparison. They may not be as demagogic as Kahane, but their methods and their training are much more thorough. This is the prospect that should chill us to the marrow, not Kahane.

MURRAY RAVEH  
 Moshav Kerem Mahara.

### DISGUSTED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - After a three month stay in Israel, I return to the U.S.A. with shame and disgust. The disasters include inflation, the foreign debt, the tragic and wasteful war in Lebanon and black market activities in broad daylight without police interference.

In past years, I would return to the

### BEAUTIFUL ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The Council for a Beautiful Israel has existed for 15 years and will continue its regular activities in its usual framework.

On July 23, you reported erroneously that the movement,

U.S. and share my pride and glory about the achievements of the Jewish nation. Now, I shall have to bear the shame and disgust of present-day events, only hoping that by some miracle the people of Israel will come to their senses.

WILLIAM BRAITERMAN  
 Hadera.

### ISRAEL

Beautiful People, One People, and ours were planning to unite. This is not true. Beautiful People, One People is uniting with the Council for a Good Israel.

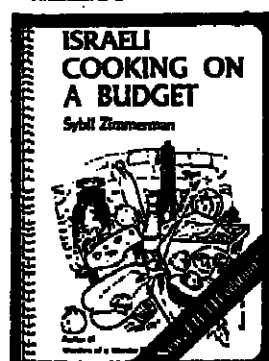
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